NORTHEN

ARMS:

CREST:

F. H. Northern, Esq., M.D.

Jan. 11. At Lea-house, near Eccleshall, Staffordshire, aged 89, Francis Hickin Northen, Esq., M.D.

The deceased, born Nov. 26, 1771, was the eldest son of William Northen, Esq., of Eccleshall, by his wife Mary, eldest daughter of Francis Hickin, Esq., of Stone, Staffordshire, and had nearly reached the patriarchal age of ninety years, retaining to within a short period of his death the full possession of his bodily and mental faculties, and enjoying a remarkable exemption from those infirmities which usually attend a very advanced age. He was a highly respected member of the medical profession, and for a long term of years had enjoyed a well-earned reputation for ability and skill. In early life he became a student of the University of Edinburgh, where he obtained great proficiency in all the branches of his profession, under the tuition of the very eminent men who at that time filled the professorial chairs of medicine in that distinguished seat of learning and science. Having concluded a honourable career as a student, he became connected in the course of his profession with the Staffordshire Militia, or the " King's Own," forming one of the medical staff of that regiment, and was constantly about the person of King George III. at Windsor and other places. He subsequently settled at Newcastle-under-Lyme, where he practised as a physician during the long term of thirtythree years. Whilst resident in that place he had a large share of public confidence, having been successively Physician and Physician - Extraordinary to the North Staffordshire Infirmary. During the time he lived at Newcastle he became Colonel Commandant of the two corps of Newcastle Infantry Volunteers, and was presented by the officers with a very superb silver cup in token of their affection and respect. The last twenty-six years of his life he lived in honourable retirement at the Lea-house, in the parish of Adbaston, Staffordshire, loved and respected by all who knew him, and long will those who shared his friendship and hospitality remember the kindness of his disposition, the urbanity of his manners, and the peculiar zest and humour with which he related anecdotes of the stirring times through which he had passed, when the aggressive policy of France and the war consequent upon it called forth the enthusiasm of every Briton from one end of the country to the other. Dr. Northen was a man of a highly cultivated understanding, and distinguished as he was by great cheerfulness and amiability of temper, he won the regard and esteem of all. He was a gentleman of that good old school to which we look back with love and respect as furnishing specimens of our nation of whieh posterity may be proud. His memory will long live amongst the admirers of real worth, and he has gone to the grave attended by the sincere regrets of many, as one of the best members of society and of the kindest friends of the poor. His remains were interred in Adbaston churchyard amidst a numerous concourse of spectators, who came from all parts of the neighbourhood to testify their sympathy and respect for his memory. Dr. Northen married, Aug. 25, 1803, Mary Ann, eldest daughter and co-heiress of Vernon Cotton, Esq., of Lea-house, and by her, who died March 31, 1841, he had issue four daughters; 1. Harriet Elizabeth (deceased), who married, Jan. 28, 1830, the Rev. Henry Turton, M.A., Incumbent of Betley, Staffordshire, youngest son of John Turton, Esq., of Sugnall-hall, in the same county, and by whom she left issue two sons and two daughters ; 2. Frances Hickin Northen, died unmarried at Lea-house, Feb. 28, 1859 ; 3. Mary Ann, (deceased), who married, March 23, 1836, Edward Wilson, Esq., M.D., of Newastle-under-Lyme (also deceased), third son of John Wilson, Esq., of the Grove, Shropshire, and by whom she left issue two sons and one daughter; 4. Ellen Cotton (only surviving daughter), married, March 6, 1844, the Rev. Sir Edward Harry Vaughan Colt, bart., of Hill, Gloucestershire, and has issue an only daughter. Dr. Northen is succeeded at Lea-house by his grandson, Francis William Turton, Esq., Lieut. R.N., who married, Oct. 30, 1856, Sophy, eldest daughter of Curwen Smith, Esq., of Frognall-hall, Hampstead.

William Northen of Eccleshall, Staffs
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(M.D.)
chn: Harriet Elizabeth Northen [1] m 28 Jan 1830 Henry Turton (Perpetual Curate,
      of Betley, Staffs) 1786-1861 **[SCD]**; (and had chn: Francis William Turton
      c 28 Jan 1831 Betley, [others])
     Frances Hickin Northen unm. d 28 Feb 1859 Lea House
     Mary Ann Northen m 23 Mar 1836 Edward Wilson of Newcastle, Staffs M.D.
     Ellen Cotton Northen m 6 Mar 1844 Sir Edward Harry Vaughan of Hill, Glos
Baronet